IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

In re: \$49,112.51 United States Currency)	
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v.)	Miscellaneous No.:
)	JUDGE
Rinova The Wellness Group, P.C., and)	
Pain, M.D., LLC,)	
Claimants)	

JOINT MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF FORFEITURE, AND DISMISSAL OF ACTION

The United States of America ("Plaintiff") by its undersigned counsel, and Claimants Rinova The Wellness Group, P.C., and David Rogers, Chapter 7 Trustee for Pain, M.D., LLC, respectively move this court to approve the attached pre-Complaint Settlement Agreement, attached as Exhibit 1, enter an order of forfeiture of \$49,112.51 in United States currency related to an alleged fraudulent conveyance involving Pain MD, LLC, and dismiss this action as all matters have been settled and compromised.

A proposed order is attached hereto for the convenience of the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of November, 2019, a copy of the foregoing Motion

to Approve Settlement Agreement and Exhibit and proposed Order were filed electronically.

Notice of this filing was sent to the following: Robert A. Peal, Sims Funk, PLC, 3322 West End

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EXHIBIT 1

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release ("Settlement Agreement") is entered into as of the latest date of signature below ("Effective Date"), by and between Rinova The Wellness Group, P.C., ("Rinova"), Pain MD, LLC ("Pain MD") by and through its Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee David Rogers, and the United States of America ("United States"). Rinova, Pain MD, and the United States are collective referred to herein as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, in or about February 2019, Pain MD, Inc. ("Pain MD") and Rinova entered into an agreement to have Rinova purchase certain of Pain MD's Tennessee-based pain clinic assets;

WHEREAS, Rinova has funds in the amount of \$49,112.51 in United States currency ("Defendant Property"), which are funds representing and in lieu of certain funds received from federal health care program(s);

WHEREAS, it is the position of the United States:

- a. That any attempted transfer of the Defendant Property would be a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347 (health care fraud) and 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (money laundering); and
- b. That a forfeiture of the Defendant Property, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(A) and (C), as proceeds of or property traceable to a violation of 18 U.S.C.§ 1347 and 18 U.S.C. § 1956, is appropriate because the United States contends the following:
 - The purpose of the agreements for Rinova to purchase Pain MD assets in Tennessee and to further lease Pain MD assets in Virginia was an effort by Pain MD to circumvent the Medicare payment suspension of Pain MD by acquiring new Medicare billing numbers that could be used to bill Medicare and receive Medicare payments;
 - ii. Rinova continued to operate the former Pain MD clinics in Tennessee and Virginia as if they were the same Pain MD entities, using essentially the same employees, clinics, locations, and patients;
 - iii. Any payments made to Rinova would be funneled back to Pain MD under the guise of future payments for the sale of Pain MD's assets to Rinova; and
 - iv. The Defendant Property was intended to be funneled back to Pain MD;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") have suspended Medicare payments to Rinova, and is reviewing allegations of fraud pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 405.372(a)(4)(iii) ("the CMS Investigation").

WHEREAS, Rinova represents that it is no longer an active entity, has no personnel, and no longer has access or resources to respond to CMS's active investigation into its provision of

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medical services and the Defendant Property;

WHEREAS, no other persons or entities have asserted an interest in the Defendant Property;

WHEREAS, Rinova and Pain MD disagree with the foregoing recitals set forth in Paragraphs (a) and (b)(i)-(iv) by the United States; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid the costs of litigation, the Parties have agreed to finally resolve and settle all claims and disputes between them related to the Defendant Property, on the terms set forth below, and agree to the entry of the proposed Order of Forfeiture attached hereto.

AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing Recitals, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, and subject to the District Court's approval, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Forfeiture</u>. The Parties agree to the forfeiture of the Defendant Property;
- 2. The Defendant Property shall be seized and turned over to the United States Marshal Service. An Order of Forfeiture will enter as to the Defendant Property, which shall be deposited in the appropriate asset forfeiture fund for lawful distribution.
- 3. In consideration of the terms and provisions and Mutual Releases of this Settlement Agreement, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the execution of this Settlement Agreement, Claimants Rinova and Pain MD, on one hand, and the United States on the other hand, hereby fully and forever relieve, release, and discharge one another, and any of their respective parents, subsidiaries and affiliated companies, successors, assigns, current and/or former owners, directors, officers, general partners, limited partners, employees, attorneys, representatives, agents, and stockholders, and each of them from any and all debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, promises, acts, contracts, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, and causes of action of every nature, character, and description, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, certain or contingent, arising out of, in connection with, or relating to the claims asserted by Claimant for any interest they may have now or in the future in or to the Currency that is the subject of this Settlement Agreement or any claims that could have been asserted (the "Released Claims");
- 4. Pain MD's Bankruptcy Claim. As it is in their best interest, upon approval of this settlement by the Court and distribution of the proceeds in accordance with this Settlement Agreement, Rinova and Pain MD, by and through David Rogers in his role as Pain MD's Chapter 7 Trustee, withdraw any claim they have made and agree not to file any claim, right or interest they could have made or could make in the future, as to any of the Defendant Property, except as provided for in this Settlement

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Agreement.

5. Mutual Specific Releases.

- In consideration of the terms and provisions of this Settlement Agreement, the a. sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the execution of this Settlement Agreement, Rinova, on one hand, and the United States, on the other hand, hereby fully and forever relieve, release, and discharge one another, and any of their respective parents, subsidiaries and affiliated companies, successors, assigns, current and/or former owners, directors, officers, general partners, limited partners, employees, attorneys, representatives, agents, and stockholders, and each of them from any and all debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, promises, acts, contracts, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, and causes of action of every nature, character, and description, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, certain or contingent, arising out of, in connection with, or relating to the claims asserted by Rinova, including any claims arising out of the CMS review, for any interest they may have now or in the future in or to the Defendant Property that is the subject of this Settlement Agreement or any claims that could have been asserted (the "Released Claims");
- b. Subject to the above paragraphs, the Parties further agree that, except for purposes of enforcing this Settlement Agreement, or otherwise for the purpose of seeking redress for breach of this Settlement Agreement, none of the Parties shall in the future institute any suit, charge, complaint, claim, or cause of action at law, in equity, or otherwise, against the others, arising from, in connection with, or relating to the Released Claims; and
- C. THE RELEASED CLAIMS COVER ALL DAMAGES AND CLAIMS FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENT of \$49,112.51, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE IN CONTRACT AND TORT, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, AND WHETHER ACTUAL AND/OR PUNITIVE. EACH PARTY AND THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS AND ASSIGNS HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PROVISIONS OF ANY LAW WHICH PROVIDES THAT A RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN TO IT MAY HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.
- 6. <u>Attorneys' Fees.</u> Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465, and except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees.
- 7. <u>Integration Clause</u>. This Settlement Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties with regard to the matters set forth and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their parent or subsidiary corporations, predecessors, successors, assigns, and each of their respective shareholders, officers, directors, and insurers.

- 8. <u>Modification</u>. This Settlement Agreement may not be modified, amended, or changed in any way unless in a writing executed by each of the Parties and/or the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.
- 9. <u>Waiver</u>. The failure of any Party to this Settlement Agreement to require the performance of any term or obligation imposed by this Settlement Agreement, or the waiver by any Party of any breach of this Settlement Agreement shall not prevent any subsequent enforcement of such term or obligation nor shall it constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach.
- 10. <u>Breach of this Agreement.</u> None of the releases set forth herein is intended to or does release any claims arising out of a breach of this Settlement Agreement. The prevailing party in any litigation arising out of the breach of this Settlement Agreement shall be entitled to its attorneys' fees and costs.
- 11. <u>Authority</u>. The signatories warrant and represent that they are properly empowered to enter into this Settlement Agreement on behalf of, respectively, the United States, Rinova, and Pain MD.
- 12. <u>Jurisdiction and Choice of Law.</u> This Settlement Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the United States. The Parties agree that jurisdiction over any and all disputes regarding the Settlement Agreement shall lie exclusively in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville Division.
- 13. <u>Execution in Counterparts</u>. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument binding upon all of the Parties, notwithstanding that all of the Parties are not signatories to the same counterpart.
- 14. <u>Cooperation of Parties</u>. The Parties acknowledge and agree to cooperate fully and to execute any supplementary documents and to take any additional actions that may be necessary or appropriate to give full force and effect to the terms and intent of this Settlement Agreement.
- 15. <u>No Admission</u>. This Settlement Agreement has been signed as a compromise and resolution of disputed claims and the execution of this Settlement Agreement is not to be considered as an admission of liability by any Party.
- 16. Successors and Assigns. This Settlement Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Parties to this Settlement Agreement and each of them. This Settlement Agreement is intended to and shall release and inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors-in-interest, parents, subsidiaries, affiliated and/or related corporations, divisions, owners, officers, directors, partners, agents, employees, representatives, stockholders, accountants, and attorneys, both individually and in the capacity indicated.
- 17. No Assignment or Transfer of Claims. The Parties warrant and represent that the Parties

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have not assigned or agreed to assign to any person or entity all or any part of any claims addressed in this Settlement Agreement.

- 18. Severability. If any word, clause, phrase, sentence, or paragraph of this Settlement Agreement is declared void or unenforceable by any Court, such portion shall be considered independent of, and severable from, the remainder, the validity of which shall remain unaffected. In the event any word, clause, phrase, sentence, or paragraph of this Settlement Agreement is determined by any court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith to restore the effect of the provision determined to be invalid.
- 19. <u>Interpretation</u>. This Settlement Agreement is entered into between financially sophisticated and knowledgeable parties and is entered into by the Parties in reliance upon the economic and legal bargains contained herein and shall be interpreted and construed in a fair and impartial manner without regard to the relative bargaining power of the Parties.
- Notices. Unless specifically stated otherwise, all notices, documents and demand of any kind which any Party may be required or may desire to serve upon or deliver to any of the other Parties in connection with this Settlement Agreement may be served, at the election of the Party serving the notice, either by personal service or by mailing a copy of the notice or demand by Certified or Registered mail, proper postage pre-paid and return receipt requested, or by fax, addressed to such Party's representatives and attorneys at the addresses set forth below; if any such notice or demand is mailed, it shall be deemed to have been received on the date reflected on the return receipt or if the receipt is refused or such mailing is not accepted, then 14 days after the date of mailing. For any such notice sent by fax it shall also be sent by mail and shall be deemed received on the Court date transmitted if transmission is completed by 5:00 p.m. (Central Time), or the next Court day if transmitted after 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) or on a Court holiday or weekend.

If sent to Rinova, it shall be sent to:

Robert A. Peal, Esq. Sims Funk, PLC 3322 West End Ave., Suite 200 Nashville, TN 37203 rpeal@simsfunk.com

If sent to Pain MD, it shall be sent to:

David G. Rogers
Chapter 7 Trustee for Pain MD, LLC
PO Box 1227
Franklin, TN 37065
dgrtrustee@comcast.net

If sent to the United States, it shall be sent to:

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- 21. THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE IS FULLY AND VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO BY THE PARTIES WITHOUT ANY DURESS OR COERCION. THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN AMPLE AND LENGTHY OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL, IF THEY SO CHOOSE. THE PARTIES HAVE CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY READ ALL OF THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.
- 22. THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH ALL OF THE PROVISIONS AND TERMS STATED ABOVE.

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RINOVA THE WELLNESS GROUP, P.C.

Ву:	A Suni why	
	Dr. Benjamin Johnson	
Date:	Nov 15, 2019	

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Donald Q. Cochran, United States Attorney Middle District of Tennessee

Ву:	Elita VII		
	Ellen Bowden McIntyre		
	Assistant United States Attorney		

Date: 11/15/19

PAIN MD, LLC

By: David G. Rogers

In his capacity as Chapter 7 Trustee for Pain MD, LLC

Date: 11-18-19

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ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF FORFEITURE AND DISMISSAL OF ACTION

Upon review of the Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement, Entry of an Order of Forfeiture and Dismissal of Action, and it appearing that all matters between these parties about the funds below have been settled and compromised, and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the terms of the attached Settlement Agreement are hereby approved, including forfeiture to the United States of \$49,112.51 United States currency pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(A) and (C) as proceeds of or property traceable to a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347 and 18 U.S.C. § 1956.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the \$49,112.51 in United States currency is hereby forfeited to the United States of America pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(A) and (C) as proceeds of or property traceable to a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347 and 18 U.S.C. § 1956.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that any claim, right or interest of Claimants on behalf of Rinova The Wellness Group, P.C., and/or Pain, M.D., LLC, to the \$49,112.51 United States currency are hereby extinguished.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the parties shall adhere to the terms of the attached Settlement Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all right, title and interest to the Rinova The Wellness Group, P.C., United States currency has been extinguished as to the Claimants and is now extinguished as to any third party interest, and all right, title and interest to the Rinova The Wellness Group, P.C., United States currency is hereby vested in the United States of America, and the Rinova The Wellness Group, P.C., United States currency shall be disposed of according to law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that this Court retains jurisdiction for enforcement, if necessary;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that upon entry of this Order, this case is dismissed.with prejudice

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE